



# WEEKLY REPORT

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## Farah Province

### Milestones Achieved

- As part of communications capacity building activities, on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 27 Pusht-e Rod District Government staff were provided with the “Communications Skills” training at the district center. At the end of the session a communications needs assessment was also completed.
- In Bala Baluk, on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 15 district government staff received training on the main elements of communication. At the end of the session a needs assessment was completed, involving all participants.
- Final site surveys were completed for a water divider project in Khaja Khedr community in Bala Baluk District, and Mohammad Haroon Community Center located in Kanisk community. Proposed in-kind contributions from the Kanisk community will include demolition of the old wall around the community center, digging a well, allocating a house for the project staff, and providing construction materials.
- Pre-feasibility surveys for water dividers located in Tapa Sadat, Farahrod, Garani and Ganj Abad communities in Bala Baluk district were completed.
- In Bala Baluk, five Pashto literacy courses were launched for 125 women, in coordination with the Department of Education (DoE), using literacy materials provided by the Farah DoE.
- Progress was made on the Farah Service Provider Catalogue (SPC), with a final round of fact checking underway, and drawings being prepared by the illustrator.
- To date 24 employees (3 female, 21 male) have been hired, and five positions are under process.



*A water divider in Farahrod village, one of the community proposed SOI mitigation activities*

### Challenges/Action

- NSTR

### Forward Looking

- Next week, an initial survey of the Amin Abad and Piuw communities’ water divider projects will be started. The Sia Jangle Community Development Council (CDC) will also be contacted in order to start the initial survey of a water divider project.

## Badghis Province

### Milestones Achieved

- As part of roll-out activities for Qadis and Moqur districts, meetings were held with district government line departments, NGOs operating in targeted areas, Department of Women's Affairs (DoWA), and the Voice of Women Organization.
- To date 10 employees (1 female, 9 male) have been hired and 13 positions are under process.

### Challenges/Action

- A proposed roll-out mission to Badghis was postponed following threats against the Provincial Governor. The trip will take place next week.

### Forward Looking

- Preparations will be completed for roll-out into Qadis and Moqur districts, including conducting meetings with influential leaders in the area and finalizing DSC meeting dates.
- Key informant interviews with district entities in Qadis and Moqur Districts will be completed.

## Herat Province

### Milestones Achieved

- As part of the preparation for Kushk-e Rabat-e Sangi roll-out, Herat PST staff met with the District Governor to discuss roll-out activities, provide a background on the Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM), and the DSC formation process.
- Herat PST staff also received capacity building training in preparation for the Kushk-e Rabat-e Sangi and Pashtun Zhargon rollouts. Topics covered included SPC development, Community Development Practices and M&E Practices. Practical mentorship included trackstick use and photography techniques.
- To date 13 employees (2 female, 11 male) have been hired and 11 positions are under process.

### Challenges/Action

- A proposed communications skills training for the Shindand DSC focal points was postponed on November 21st following the resignation of the Shindand District Governor and the temporary closure of his office.

### Forward Looking

- Data collection will continue for the Shindand SPC, and Pashtun Zarghun District Profile.
- Proposed meeting with DRRD officials to organize the DSC formation meeting in Kushk-e Rabat-e Sangi district.

- Proposed meeting with Pashtun Zarghun District Governor to discuss roll-out.
- Finalizing the Shindand District Government Communications Strategy

## Additional Herat-HQ Support

- A Success Story Inventory (SSI) was prepared and submitted it to the Chief of Party (CoP). This package includes case studies on Conflict Resolutions, Reconciliation of Anti-Government Elements (AGEs), and Anti-Taliban demonstrations and can utilized as useful tools for DSC members in target districts.
- Almost 20,000 brochures were printed and sent to counterparts in Ghor, Badghis and Farah, for release on International Elimination of Violence Against Women Day on November 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Four separate roll-out capacity building trainings were coordinated during the week, for four people, including the Kushk-e Rabat-e Sangi District Governor.
- A three-day “Gender Mainstreaming in the Humanitarian Context” workshop was conducted from November 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> at Hotel Tejarat in Herat City, with 25 participants (14 women and 11 men), including SIKA-West staff and staff from line departments. The training aimed to assist and enhance the capacity of the DRRD and other stakeholders in Herat province to mainstream gender into their programs.
- To date 115 employees (29 female, 86 male) have been hired, and 52 positions are under process.



*Staff take part in a three day gender mainstreaming work shop in Herat City*